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Corps of Engineers starts process to remove emergency levees built in Minot, outlying areas.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers started the process of removing emergency levees in Minot, North Dakota, the week of July 18. The Minot Daily News reported the Corps began collecting forms from residents that allow the agency access to private property July 21. A spokeswoman said the Corps expects to begin actual dike removal by the end of July. About 11,000 people had to temporarily leave Minot this summer due to flooding, and about 4,100 homes were damaged. Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/a5348d8874e14e31a5fcbe3338bf5d3f/ND--ND-Flooding-Minot-Dikes/>

Ammonia leak scare causes two-hour evacuation. An anhydrous ammonia leak July 20 at the J.R. Simplot plant in Grand Forks, North Dakota, prompted the evacuation of a compressor room and surrounding businesses shortly before noon, the fire department said. About 45 people were working in the compressor room when a valve started leaking, the Grand Forks Fire Department battalion chief said. Because of high winds, authorities evacuated nearby businesses Hebron Brick and Strata Corporation in addition to evacuating the compressor room. The evacuations were precautionary, and no one was injured. Authorities contained the leak by putting a new packing gland into the valve. Authorities were on scene until about 2 p.m. The Grand Forks Police Department and Altru Ambulance assisted the Grand Forks Fire Department with the call. Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/210392/>

Inspecting Garrison Dam. After 3 months of powerful releases, two tunnels at Garrison Dam in North Dakota were shut down for inspections July 18. About 28,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water was flowing out of the regulatory tunnels since May 6, the first time they had been used since 1997. On July 18, U.S. Army Corps Engineer officials cut the waterflow to insert a camera into the tunnels and see if there was any erosion. They found patchwork from 13 years ago still holding up, but there were some calcium deposits. If they find a lot of damage, they will shift the flows to the spillway. The Corps decreased flows to 120,000 cfs July 18. Source: <http://www.kxnet.com/getArticle.asp?ArticleId=808161>

ND livestock producers warned of anthrax danger. Livestock producers along the Mouse (Souris) and Missouri rivers in North Dakota should consult with their veterinarians about vaccinating their animals for anthrax this summer, an agriculture commissioner said. "River floodwaters may contain anthrax spores and can expose spores already present in the soil, increasing the risk of anthrax on pasture and grazing land," he said. "If your veterinarian says your livestock — cattle, sheep horses, and all grazing animals — are at risk and recommends vaccination, please follow that recommendation." The state veterinarian also urged producers to monitor their herds for unexpected deaths and report them immediately to their veterinarians. "The carcasses of animals that die from anthrax decompose quickly often with little or no signs of rigor mortis," she said. Animal health officials are concerned that the history of anthrax in North Dakota, together with reports of the disease in nearby states and provinces,

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ideal weather conditions, and overland flooding could result in widespread cases of the disease among unvaccinated animals. Source: <http://www.agweek.com/event/article/id/18773/>

900 gallons of oil spill into Missouri River in ND. Damage around a Williston, North Dakota, oil well site where officials believe floodwaters shifted a storage tank, causing at least 900 gallons of oil to spill into the Missouri River, does not appear to be significant, state health department officials said July 15. The tank is at a well site owned by Ryan Exploration Inc., which has committed to cleaning up the mess. The site is among about 40 on the flood plain southwest of Williston shut down under state orders when the river started to rise in May. Some companies emptied storage tanks of oil and refilled them with water to hold them down in the high water. State health officials said another company discovered the spill July 13 and immediately started efforts to contain the oil and clean it up. Ryan Exploration crews also have been working at the site, the state environmental geologist said. Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/07/15/general-us-north-dakota-flooding-oil-spill_8568185.html

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(Montana) Bomb squad destroys suspicious package at downtown Missoula post office. The Missoula, Montana, city/county bomb squad destroyed a cardboard box left outside the downtown U.S. post office July 21. The box apparently was empty except for a plastic bag, yet the mid-afternoon incident caused the evacuation of nearby offices, and snarled traffic for several blocks as police barred streets in the area. Someone called 911 at 2:23 p.m. to report a box sitting unattended beside the ramp into the post office's side entrance on Pattee Street, a Missoula police lieutenant, said. The Missoula postmaster ordered post office workers out of the building. Initially, authorities were concerned both about the box and a briefcase in a dumpster, but police quickly determined the briefcase had been thrown out by somebody in the building. Source: http://missoulain.com/news/local/article_96cbe796-b3de-11e0-9ce3-001cc4c002e0.html

(Montana) BNSF cleaning up site of train derailment near Great Falls. BNSF crews worked July 20 to clean up and repair the damage caused when a 110-car freight train rear-ended a parked maintenance train just south of Great Falls, Montana. A company spokesman said two employees were treated at a hospital for bumps and bruises sustained in the crash, and have since been released. Thirteen cars carrying cement and gravel derailed July 19, and some tipped on their sides. The spokesman said the derailed cars were going to be scrapped, and two locomotives will be re-railed. A third will be removed on a flat rail car. He said about 1,000 gallons of spilled diesel from one of the locomotives have been cleaned up, and the track reopened July 20. The cause of the crash remains under investigation. Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/article_aa4d654a-b395-11e0-b0a5-001cc4c002e0.html

(Montana) Authorities remove people from freight train near Poplar. A BNSF Railway Co. train was held up for 20 minutes July 20 after the company received reports of children riding on a

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freight train. A BNSF spokesman said the BNSF network control center in Fork Worth, Texas, was alerted by authorities in the Poplar, Montana area that three to four children may have been on a train carrying intermodal containers and trailers. The spokesman said intermodal containers contain goods and can be transferred from rail to boat to semi-truck. He added that reports stated the children were about 22 cars behind the engine. The train was en route from Chicago to Portland when it stopped just west of Poplar July 20. He said authorities removed some people from the train, but he did not know any details about the people authorities removed, or if any charges were going to be filed. The spokesman said the train was held up briefly by the incident. Source:

<http://www.greatfallstribune.com/article/20110721/NEWS01/107210306/Authorities-remove-people-from-freight-train-near-Poplar>

(Montana) Ruptured Montana oil pipeline had earlier problem. Federal inspectors found a problem in an oil pipeline a month before it ruptured in a Montana river, but it was not significant enough to force a shutdown, the government's top pipeline regulator said July 20. The administrator of the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration told a Senate committee the problem in the Exxon Mobil pipeline was discovered in early June, nearly a month before the pipeline ruptured July 1, spilling an estimated 42,000 gallons of crude into the Yellowstone River. She declined to offer specifics about what she called an "anomaly", but said officials believed it was not significant enough to require repairs. It was not clear whether the problem detected in June had any role in the rupture. "Unfortunately, I don't think that our pipeline inspector thought he had the authority to shut down the pipeline," the administrator told a Senate Environment subcommittee. Agency officials said a review of pipeline records conducted in June revealed the half-inch thick steel pipeline had about 20 percent external corrosion, based on inspections in 2004 and 2009. The review was part of a larger examination of pipeline records in response to high water flows throughout the Mountain West because of an unusually high spring snow melt. Source:

http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/07/20/general-us-oil-spill-yellowstone-river_8575890.html

(Montana) FX Energy to plug wells at site of NW Mont. spill. FX Energy Inc. plans to permanently shut down two oil wells near Helena, Montana where a spill went unreported for a month and spread nearly a mile before being discovered, a company executive said July 19. The company is filing notice with the Blackfeet Indian tribe that subsidiary FX Drilling Co. will plug the small wells on the Blackfeet reservation, and dig up the connecting flow line that spilled up to 840 gallons of crude and contaminated water, a FX Energy Vice President said. The two wells combined produce only about a barrel of oil a day — 42 gallons — and have been offline since the leak was discovered, he said. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials said they are looking into possible penalties against the company because the length of time it took for the spill to be reported. Tribal officials also were looking for answers as to why FX Energy did not inform them when the spill happened in June, a spokesman said. Source:

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/07/19/fx-energy-to-plug-wells-at-site-nw-mont-spill/>

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(Montana) New spill went unreported for a month. A newly discovered oil spill in northwestern Montana went unreported for a month before a neighboring landowner complained to the Blackfeet Indian Tribe, federal regulators said July 18. FX Drilling Co. never reported the spill, estimated to be between 420 and 840 gallons, to the tribe or to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), an agency spokesman said. The amount spilled at the FX Drilling oil field in a remote corner of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation appears to be much less than the estimated 42,000 gallons that emptied into the Yellowstone River earlier this month. But the spill comes at a time when all pipeline and oil operations in the state are under scrutiny as a result of the larger Exxon Mobil Corp. pipeline break. FX Drilling had 24 hours to report a spill once it reached the waterway, the EPA spokesman said. The federal agency is looking into possible penalties against the independent oil and gas producer. Source: <http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20110718/APA/1107180816?tc=ar>

(Minnesota; South Dakota) Cattle dying due to heat wave. An estimated 1,000 cattle died the week of July 18 across Minnesota because of the unusually hot weather, Minnesota Public Radio reported July 20. Most of the deaths have been in south central and southwestern Minnesota. The University of Minnesota's Extension office estimates the losses could total about \$1 million. Most of the losses have been large, black-hided cattle, according to an extension livestock instructor. "A lot of times they've been in open lots that don't have a lot of shade or covering," he said. Typical steps that farmers take to keep cattle cool have not worked as well because of the extended heat wave, he said. Across the border in South Dakota, officials estimate as many as 1,500 cattle have died in that state because of the heat wave. Source: <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2011/07/20/cattle-die-from-heat-wave/>

(South Dakota) Aberdeen wastewater treatment plant releases untreated water. Since the week of July 11, the Aberdeen Wastewater Treatment plant in Aberdeen, South Dakota released 90 million gallons of untreated water into Moccasin Creek. "We used the rest of our storage and began discharging directly into Moccasin Creek, with what we could not get through the plant," the Aberdeen Wastewater Treatment superintendent said. The release of the untreated water was due to high rainfall amounts over the past month and a half, nearly 5 inches in some spots July 4 alone. Mud runoff caused serious problems in the plant, and was the main cause of the untreated runoff. "We lost a portion of the plant for 4 days, just mud filling up a settling tank," the superintendent said. Not all of the wastewater going through the plant was untreated; several million gallons were still going through the normal filtration process. The superintendent said the plant would continue the same process of releasing the wastewater, but he expected problems would continue. Source: <http://www.ksfy.com/story/15103541/aberdeen-wastewater-treatment-plant-releases-untreated-water>

(Wyoming) Natural gas pipeline explodes. A natural gas pipeline west of Gillette, Wyoming, exploded July 20, shaking nearby homes and echoing at least 30 miles away, but not causing any injuries or property damage, officials and a resident said. The blast ripped open a 60-foot section of the Bison Pipeline and shot several pieces of 30-inch-diameter pipe around the bluffs

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on land about 20 miles west of Gillette at about 7:30 p.m. A 40-foot piece of pipe, split along its length and spread open with jagged ends, lay almost 70 feet away from the pipeline path, said the Campbell County Fire Department assistant chief, who visited the site. It is not yet clear what caused the pipeline to explode, and there is no clear timeline for when the company will rebuild the line and get it back into use, a TransCanada spokesman said. He said it's not yet clear how much natural gas was vented, but the pipeline was transporting natural gas July 20 at a rate of 365 million cubic feet a day. The 303-mile line was designed to transport up to 477 million cubic feet a day of natural gas from the Powder River Basin northeast through Montana to the Northern Border Pipeline in North Dakota for transport to customers in the Midwest. TransCanada was able to provide 50 percent of the pipeline's volume to customers July, but the pipeline would be shut down July 22 as the investigation continues, the spokesman said. While the closure might cause some problems for a day or two, other pipelines will quickly pick up the slack, said the executive director of the Wyoming Pipeline Authority. Source:

http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article_bf92ebda-4f4a-5181-bd52-09eadd5cd49.html

NATIONAL

Report: IRS didn't notify some taxpayers when data released. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) didn't always properly notify taxpayers after inadvertently disclosing personal information, according to a Treasury Department audit released July 14. Not all citizens were notified that their personal data had been released, in a sample of 98 case files from the 2009 and 2010 fiscal years the IRS had flagged as inadvertent disclosures of personal taxpayer information, according to a report from the Treasury Inspector General for Taxpayer Administration (TIGTA). In total, the IRS processed 4,081 inadvertent disclosures during the 2009 and 2010 fiscal years, of which 1,493 required taxpayer notification. The IRS collects personal and financial data from more than 142 million people. The omission occurred in 5 percent of cases in the report's sample because IRS employees hadn't documented the name of the taxpayer whose data had been disclosed. In another 10 percent of cases, the taxpayer wasn't notified because only tax account data was released, which the IRS does not consider "personally identifiable information." The audit noted that taxpayers weren't notified in a timely manner. In 74 percent of the incidents that required notification, the IRS didn't alert taxpayers within 45 days. Letters sent to these taxpayers from the IRS took an average of 86 days. The IRS systems also were missing some cases of personal data disclosure, the auditors reported, after finding 815 incidents the IRS's four computer systems hadn't flagged. The TIGTA made four recommendations to the IRS, including educating employees on the need to gather enough information on individuals whose information has been released. Tax account information should be treated as sensitive personal information as well, the audit advised, and taxpayers should be notified more promptly. Source: <http://www.nasdaq.com/aspx/stock-market-news-story.aspx?storyid=201107141108dowjonesdjonline000450&title=reportirs-didnt-notify-some-taxpayers-when-data-released>

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Norway struck by 2 deadly attacks. Norway came under deadly attack July 22 with a massive bombing in the heart of its power center and a shooting at the ruling Labor Party's youth camp on an island outside the capital — attacks that police said are definitely linked. At least seven people were killed in the blast in Oslo, and at least nine were killed on Utoya Island, which is about 20 miles away, police said. A police spokesman said a man arrested on the island appeared to match the description of a person seen near government buildings shortly before the bomb erupted. He said the man was wearing a police emblem on his blue sweater, though he does not work for police. Oslo University Hospital reported receiving 11 people seriously wounded by the attack in the capital, and eight others wounded in the camp shooting. The prime minister, whose office was badly damaged in the Oslo blast, leads Norway's Labor Party, which runs the youth camp, where about 700 people were in attendance July 22. People at the camp on northern Utoya Island said the man arrived on the boat that ferries most visitors across the three fourths of a mile of water from the mainland, and told campers that he was carrying out a security check, a Labor Party member said. "After just a few minutes, he took a handgun and started to shoot people," he said. Citing Norwegian broadcasters, the party member said the man was stopped by Norwegian police. An Oslo police spokesman said the explosion in the capital was caused by a bomb. Several buildings were damaged, many of the windows of the government tower that houses the prime minister's offices were blown out. Several buildings in Oslo were on fire, smoke billowing from them, a witness said. He said the blast severely damaged the oil ministry and left it in flames. Source:

http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/europe/07/22/norway.explosion/index.html?hpt=hp_t1

Burma, China ignoring environmental warnings for dam. The controversial Myitsone dam in northern Burma, currently under construction by the China Power Investment Corporation, was the subject of a 2009 internal report by the company, which called for the project to be scrapped. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report has been ignored, and work is proceeding on the project, the Democratic Voice of Burma Online reported. The EIA report stated that, "If the Burmese and Chinese sides were really concerned about environmental issues and aimed at sustainable development of the country, there is no need for such a big dam to be constructed at the confluence of the Irrawaddy River," urging instead for two smaller, but equally efficient, dams to be built above Myitsone. China has faced strong international criticism for its business links with Burma, whose ruling junta is subject to a number of international sanctions. Source: <http://oilprice.com/Latest-Energy-News/World-News/Burma-China-Ignoring-Environmental-Warnings-for-Dam.html>

Militants attack on power dam posts in Ahmadabad District. Armed militants attacked security posts of the Machlagho power dam in the Ahmadabad district of Paktia province, Afghanistan, the night of July 18. They abducted three policemen and killed two others. According to local officials, a policeman was injured. The police chief said construction work in surrounding areas of Machlagho power dam will continue. Five security posts have been created by locals. The police chief of Paktia assured security for staff of Mashlagho power dam, and said he has

adopted more security measures. Source:
<http://bakhtarnews.com.af/en/index.php?news=5945>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Fake banking E-mail targets your wallet, computer. A new spin on an old cybercrime ploy is using a devious fake warning about users' bank account information to trick them into opening their wallets. Scam e-mails are spreading on the Web claiming to contain an important financial statement, researchers at the security firm BitDefender reported July 15. The supposed important data is located in what looks to be a Microsoft Word attachment called "Financial_Statement(dot)exe," BitDefender said. (Similar scams use a "Postal_document(dot)exe" attachment.) However, the financial statement attachment has no sensitive information; instead, it has a Trojan that copies itself onto the user's system. In this case, the rogue attachments attempt to trick users into purchasing anti-virus software they don't need. "The application floods the screen with lots of warning pop-ups to scare the user into buying a useless disinfection tool," BitDefender wrote. The offending Trojan also shuts down programs and informs victims that the programs are infected with a virus. BitDefender warns users to never open suspicious e-mail attachments, especially if they come from a bank, as banks will never send unsolicited e-mails about financial data. Source:
<http://www.securitynewsdaily.com/fake-banking-email-targets-your-wallet-computer-0964/>

Anonymous' arrests tied to PayPal DDoS attacks, FBI says. The FBI said July 19 it arrested 14 people thought to belong to the hacking group known as Anonymous for alleged participation in a series of distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks against PayPal in 2010 in retaliation for its perceived opposition to WikiLeaks. The defendants were arrested on no-bail arrest warrants in a series of raids in Alabama, California, Colorado, Washington D.C., Massachusetts, and five other states. All were charged in an indictment unsealed in federal court in San Jose, California, July 19. Two other individuals were arrested on related cybercrime charges. One was arrested in Florida on charges he illegally accessed files from a Tampa Bay InfraGard Web site in 2010, and then publicly posted information telling others how to break into the site. The other indictment unsealed in federal court in New Jersey charged a man from Las Cruces, New Mexico, with allegedly stealing roughly about 1,000 documents, applications and files with protected business information from an AT&T server in June 2011, and posting them on a public file-hosting site. The attacks, dubbed "Operation Avenge Assange," were coordinated by Anonymous using an open-source tool called Low Orbit Ion Cannon the group made available for public download. The 14 individuals named in the indictment have each been charged with conspiring to cause damage to a protected computer, and intentionally causing damage to a protected computer. The conspiracy charge carries a maximum of 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, while the intentional damage charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$500,000 charge. Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218528/Anonymous_arrests_tied_to_PayPal_DDoS_attacks_FBI_says

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Authorities bust international drug money-laundering ring. Authorities in Spain and the United States have broken up an international drug money-laundering ring and seized buildings, cars, and cash valued at more than \$140 million, the Spanish National Police said July 18. More than 20 people were arrested — 17 in Spain and 4 in the United States — during the operation, more than 2 years in the making. Authorities accuse those arrested with participating in a drug money-laundering ring that spanned three continents. As U.S. authorities tell it, cocaine was smuggled in multihundred-kilogram quantities from Colombia to Spain, where it was processed and sold. The proceeds were then sent to a man, identified by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida, who would allegedly launder the money with the help of at least two co-conspirators. The man is thought to have received more than \$26 million in drug proceeds from Spain between 2004 and the present, the attorney's office said in a statement. Among the group's favorite ways to launder money was through the purchase and sale of real estate and luxury cars, authorities said. They seized 21 properties in Spain, 4 in the United States, and 60 cars, including one thought to be worth more than \$2.8 million. Spanish police said they also seized \$35 million in cash, kept in 50- and 100-euro bills, in Madrid. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/europe/07/18/spain.drug.laundering.bust/>

Study: Banks fall short on credit card fraud protection. A new study conducted by Javelin Strategy & Research showed that while banks are good at handling credit card fraud once it has occurred, they could be doing more to protect their customers' information from hackers and to prevent identity theft. The study ranked America's largest banks on a scale out of 100: 45 points for fraud prevention, 35 for detection, and 20 for resolving problems after they've occurred. While the average for problem resolution was 18 out of 20, the scores for prevention and detection were much more troubling: only 24 out of 45 and 17 out of 35, respectively. Source: <http://community.nasdaq.com/News/2011-07/study-banks-fall-short-on-credit-card-fraud-protection.aspx?storyid=85682>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

C8 science panel finds no link between chemical, diseases. In lieu of a class action lawsuit involving the release of the chemical perfluorooctanoic acid from DuPont's Teflon manufacturing Washington Works plant in Parkersburg, West Virginia, the C8 Science Panel submitted three reports to Wood County Circuit Court, WVNS 59 Lewisburg reported July 20. The three-scientist panel was chosen to determine if the chemical commonly called C8, used in Teflon manufacturing, causes certain diseases. In its reports, the panel looked at C8 exposure and its relationship to kidney and liver diseases, and negative pregnancy effects. So far, the panel concluded exposure has not caused two of the three markers of decreased liver function, and has not caused an increased amount of kidney disease. It has also ruled out many negative conditions associated with pregnancy. The panel plans to continue studying preterm birth and birth weight, and that data will be combined with the current records. Source: <http://www.cbs59.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=103625&catid=3>

EU agrees to bury nuclear waste in secure bunkers. Radioactive waste from Europe's 143 nuclear reactors must in the future be buried in secure bunkers, ministers from European Union

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(EU) member states agreed July 19. The new rules force national nuclear authorities to draw up disposal plans by 2015, which will be vetted by Europe's energy commissioner. The current energy commissioner has made nuclear safety one of the main issues of his 5-year tenure, pushing ministers to develop a pan-European safety strategy for the first time. The first step in that strategy was a series of "stress tests" on nuclear plants, which started in June. The second was the July 19 decision to dispose of spent nuclear fuel in secure repositories. The commissioner's team, which will vet the national strategies, has already stated its preference for "deep geological repositories" — caverns to be built in clay or granite rocks between 100 and 700 meters underground. Safety standards drawn up by the International Atomic Energy Agency will also become legally binding as part of the plan. Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/19/us-eu-nuclear-idUSTRE7611N520110719>

(Utah) Utah deaths prompt tougher pesticide rules. The Salt Lake Tribune reported July 18 Utah pesticide officials plan to spend coming months educating exterminators about rule changes aimed at keeping consumers safer and more informed after poisoning deaths of two Layton girls in 2010. The updated rules took effect in June after months of public input and discussion with the Utah Pest and Lawn Care Association. They are intended to address issues that surfaced in the wake of the February 2010 deaths of a 4-year-old girl and her 15-month-old sister, after a company used a chemical called Fumitoxin to deal with a field mouse problem by their home. "The pesticide rules were revised as a result of violations discovered last year with the improper use of the pesticide Fumitoxin and to increase public awareness and consumer protection," the state pesticide program manager said in a news release. The state's pesticide division oversees 1,020 companies, and 4,761 commercial and noncommercial pesticide applicators. Since the deaths, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency outlawed the use around homes of aluminum phosphide, the active ingredient in Fumitoxin. Also, the girls' family filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Bugman Pest and Lawn, the company that applied the pesticide, and the U.S. Justice Department indicted Bugman, and two workers on federal misuse of pesticide charges. Bugman and 7 employees also paid \$46,800 in fines to settle administrative charges related to more than 3,500 instances when the company and its crews broke state pesticide laws between April 2009 and February 2010. Many of the alleged violations involved paperwork, while others stemmed from misuse of pesticides. The state pesticide program manager said his staff would advise exterminators about the changes at workshops around the state. He said he does not anticipate other changes to the pesticide program, including stepped-up enforcement. A spokesman for the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food said this is the fifth time in 5 years state pesticide regulations have been updated. Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/politics/52211919-90/pesticide-state-deaths-rules.html.csp>

(Pennsylvania) Helicopter reported flying over chemical production plant. The operators of a chemical production plant in Newell, Pennsylvania, told authorities a helicopter flew over the plant several times July 15, prompting concern. The chief of the Southwest Regional Police Department said the helicopter flew over NeoSolutions Inc. four times around 2â¬p.m., at an altitude of between 50 and 100 feet. The blue and white helicopter then headed toward Jefferson Township, the chief said. NeoSolutions was a former chemical plant. Now the plant

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produces chemicals for water treatment. Anyone with information on the incident is asked to call police or contact police through the Southwest Regional police Facebook page. Source: http://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local_news/helicopter-reported-flying-over-chemical-production-plant/article_22199ade-02b1-5895-b00c-2466f923a37d.html

(New Mexico) Shortfalls seen in Los Alamos nuke operations. Investigators at the U.S. Energy Department in a new report noted many possible shortcomings in nuclear weapons quality checks at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, but no significant issues were detected at the New Mexico site, the Knoxville News Sentinel reported July 13. The department's inspector general in 2010 said the laboratory's administration "had not focused sufficient attention" on complying with rules to ensure the enforcement of quality standards by the National Nuclear Security Administration and entities it hires. The semiautonomous departmental agency oversees the nation's nuclear weapons laboratories, which are managed by other organizations. Source: http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20110715_2030.php

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(Florida) Suspicious package prompts investigation in Largo. At about 5 p.m. July 16, the Largo Police Department in Florida was notified of a possible explosive device planted on a car at a business. A customer went to the Jiffy Lube on Walsingham Road for an oil change. While there, one of the technicians noticed a suspicious device secured to the undercarriage of the vehicle. Police officers confirmed the device was indeed suspicious and notified the Tampa Bomb Squad. The bomb squad, with the assistance of agents from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, responded to assist Largo police. A robot was deployed and the device was later recovered. A large number of businesses surrounding the Jiffy Lube were evacuated and closed for several hours as was Walsingham Road. The incident is under investigation. Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/news/article/201368/8/Suspicious-package-prompts-investigation-Largo>

(Utah) Man robs Provo movie theater with homemade bomb. Police in Provo, Utah, were searching for a man who used a bomb to rob a movie theater July 17. Police said a man entered the Wynnson 12 Movie Theater on Edgewood Drive around midnight. Officials said the man announced he was going to "burn the place down." Witnesses said they then saw the man light what appeared to be a homemade bomb. The explosion caused only minor damage, but it did result in theater employees evacuating. The suspect then entered a room where the night's proceeds were being counted and prepared for deposit. He was able to get away with some of the cash. Source: <http://www.abc4.com/content/news/slc/story/Man-robs-Provo-Movie-Theater-with-homemade-bomb/jaAJtAjzekSI-4kaxTs1CQ.csp>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Evil '666' auto-whaler tool is even eviler than it seems. Hackers have created a fake tool especially designed to exploit the laziness of clueless and unskilled phishing fraudsters. The fake tool poses as a utility that scours the net for fraudulent sites and pilfers any log-in credentials

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that victims might have entered, making them available to crooks who had nothing to do with the original fake site. Tools of this type are called auto-whalers and are not unprecedented. This particular variant, however, comes with surprise backdoor functionality, GFI Software has discovered. The utility steals passwords from a user's machine using a password-stealing trojan called Fignotok-A. Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/07/22/auto_whaler_tool_trojan/

(West Virginia) Copper theft causes phone outage in Kanawha County. Crews with Frontier Communications said thieves cut a line outside of Cedar Groves in Kanawha County, West Virginia late July 19 or early July 20, leading to phone service disruptions for many. While the thieves only got a few hundred dollars in scrap metal, Frontier said the damage left behind costs everyone. Frontier officials are cracking down, joining forces with local law enforcement to target criminals who steal copper. Officials with the telephone company are installing security systems, cameras and other devices to help monitor their lines and equipment. Source: http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Phone_Outage_Reported_in_Kanawha_County_125886458.html?ref=458

(New Mexico) Local man allegedly stole, posted AT&T customer data. A former Las Cruces, New Mexico call center employee was arrested July 19 by FBI agents for allegedly leaking confidential files that ended up in the hands of a computer hacking group, the Department of Justice and the FBI announced. While working as an AT&T customer support representative at Convergys in Las Cruces, he allegedly stole confidential business data stored on AT&T's servers and posted it on a public file sharing site, according to the complaint unsealed in the District of New Jersey, where AT&T is headquartered. On April 10, the 21-year-old allegedly downloaded thousands of documents, PowerPoint presentations, images, PDFs, applications, and other files that, on the same day, he allegedly posted on Fileape.com, a public file hosting site that promises user anonymity. AT&T's Chief Security Office Team in New Jersey discovered the breach April 16, and found the suspect had downloaded the material in question and accessed Fileape.com using an address on the company's internal network, according to court documents. He was terminated May 19. On June 25, the computer hacking group LulzSec publicized that they had obtained the confidential AT&T documents and made them publicly available on the Internet. Source: http://www.lcsun-news.com/las_cruces-news/ci_18512221

Mobile networks near capacity, survey finds. Mobile networks in North America are filled to 80 percent of capacity, with 36 percent of base stations facing capacity constraints, according to a survey by investment bank Credit Suisse. Networks in other regions also are more than 50 percent utilized, with the global average at 65 percent, Credit Suisse said after surveying carriers around the world. That level of use matches the average "threshold" rate that would trigger the service providers to start buying more network equipment, the report said. Looking ahead, on average the carriers expected their utilization rate to grow to 70 percent within 12 months. At a certain level, heavy use of a base station can affect the mobile experience of individual subscribers. The survey found that 23 percent of base stations worldwide had capacity constraints (defined as a utilization rate over 80 percent during busy hours), while 36 percent in North America were under that kind of pressure. The North American networks were

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72 percent utilized 2 years ago. The region's carriers expect the rate to ease back down to that point within 2 years. North American service providers are likely to buy more equipment soon, because having their networks 74 percent filled is the threshold rate in that region, the survey indicated. Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218502/Mobile_networks_near_capacity_survey_finds

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

NHTSA recall notice - Dutchmen Infinity travel trailer recall. Dutchmen Manufacturing, Inc. is recalling 92 model year 2012 Infinity travel trailers manufactured from February 4, 2011 through June 30, 2011 because the 12 volt main wiring in the front bulkhead compartment is incorrectly routed. On the electrical bus bar mounted to the bulkhead in the compartment, only the main power feed from the disconnect switch should be connected to the lower section of the bus bar. However, the power feed line to the solenoid for the hydraulic pump system is also wired to the lower portion of the bus bar. This circuit is not protected by an auto reset breaker. In the event of a short or ground, the unprotected circuit could result in a fire. Dealers will install an additional auto reset breaker to the bus bar, and connect the power feed for the hydraulic pump system to the added breaker, which will give it the required over current protection. This service will be performed free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during July 2011. Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/results.cfm?rcl_id=11V358000&searchtype=quicksearch&summary=true&refurl=rss

Homelite recalls about 41,200 pressure washer attachments due to laceration hazard.

Homelite announced July 21 the recall of about 41,200 pressure washer surface cleaner attachments due to a laceration hazard. The recalled products were sold exclusively at Home Depot between February 2010 and June 2011. The recall includes 40,000 attachments sold in the United States, and 1,200 sold in Canada, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Health Canada. Homelite said the surface cleaner attachment's nozzle and spray bar can break and detach, striking and/or breaking the unit's plastic housing. The broken parts can strike consumers, causing a laceration hazard. The company said it has received one laceration injury report, and three reports of minor property damage. The recall includes the following products: orange and red drum-shaped surface cleaner attachments sold with Homelite pressure washer models HL80833 and HL80835, and orange and red drum-shaped surface cleaner attachments sold separately as Powercare model AP31022A, and EZ Clean model AE2231022. Consumers should contact Homelite for a free replacement. Source: <http://news.consumerreports.org/safety/2011/07/homelite-recalls-about-41200-pressure-washer-surface-cleaner-attachments-due-to-laceration-hazard.html?EXTKEY=I72RSSB>

Target recalls children's task lamps due to laceration and fire hazards. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Target Corporation, July 20 announced a voluntary recall of Circo Children's Task Lamps. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. The recall involves approximately 13,000 lamps sold

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at Target stores nationwide. The lamps may overheat, causing the adhesive inside the lamp socket to melt and migrate into the bulb area of the socket. The cooled glue can adhere to the light bulb base and make the bulb difficult to remove which can result in a broken light bulb, posing a risk of laceration to consumers. Melted flammable glue that migrates onto the electrical components of the lamp poses a risk of fire. Target has received 6 reports of glue on the lamp socket melting and migrating into the bulb area of the socket. No injuries have been reported. Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11279.html>

NHTSA recall notice - Ford F-250, F-350, F-450, F-550, Excursion, and Ranger. Ford is recalling 26,715 certain model year 2011 Ranger trucks built from January 25, 2011 through April 25, 2011 at the Twin Cities Assembly Plant, and service parts distributed to dealers for certain 2004 through 2011 model year Ranger trucks, 2002 through 2005 model year Excursion vehicles, and 2002 through 2007 model year F-250, F-350, F-450, and F-550 trucks. The multi-function switch was shipped with a subcomponent (slider) that may experience deformation. A multi-function switch with a deformed slider may malfunction causing the turn signal, tail lights, hazard warning signal flashers, and/or brake lights not to activate. Non-functioning lights could increase the risk of a crash. Dealers will replace the switches free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on or about August 15, 2011. Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/recallsummary.cfm?rcl_campaign_id=11V352000&prod_id=1223768&moduletype=VEHICLE&make=FORD&model=RANGER&veh_model_year=2011&searchtype=DrillDown

Ford recalls Five Hundred, Mercury Montego sedans. Ford has recalled 2007 Ford Five Hundred and Mercury Montego sedans to repair a fuel tank that could leak in a crash, USA Today reported July 18. The nearly 3,000 sedans cars may have bad welds where the fuel filler neck meets the fuel tank, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Web site, and in a severe rear impact, the bad weld could fail and cause a fire. The recalled cars were built from September 5 to September 11, 2006. Some may have already been fixed because if the leak occurs it can cause fuel odor, visible leakage, or set off the emissions warning light. Ford will reimburse owners who paid for the fix. They can make a claim when they get the recall letter starting August 15. Source:

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/driveon/post/2011/07/ford-recalls-five-hundred-mercury-montego-sedans/1>

Honda recall of certain model year 2008 through 2010 motorcycles. Honda has recalled certain model year 2008 through 2010 ST1300 motorcycles manufactured from November 15, 2007 through May 27, 2010, model year 2008 through 2010 ST1300A motorcycles manufactured from November 7, 2007 through April 6, 2010, and model year 2009 ST 1300PA police motorcycles manufactured from November 18, 2008 through December 8, 2009, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced July 16. When the rear suspension of the motorcycle is repeatedly bottomed out (fully compressed), the rear brake reservoir hose may become damaged and leak brake fluid. This could cause the rider to experience a loss of rear brake performance or function, which increases the risk of a crash. Honda will replace the rear brake reservoir hose free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on or before July 26.

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Source: <http://www.enewspf.com/latest-news/recalls/25473-honda-recall-of-certain-model-year-2008-through-2010-motorcycles.html>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

USAF expands oxygen-systems investigation. The U.S. Air Force released additional details about its safety investigation into aircraft On-Board Oxygen Generation Systems (OBOGS), adding the B-1 Lancer, B-2 Spirit, CV-22 Osprey, and “other aircraft as appropriate.” Previously, Air Force officials said the investigation concerned the F-16, F-15E, A-10, F-35, and T-6 aircraft. Air Combat Command said a safety investigation board was looking into the oxygen systems on many aircraft since January. The July 21 press release said the Air Force Secretary ordered the Scientific Advisory Board to conduct a “quick-look study, gather and evaluate information, and recommend any needed corrective actions on aircraft using on-board oxygen generation systems.” The release said the Scientific Advisory Board started its study in May, but not whether it supersedes, replaces, or accompanies the original investigation. The release indicates the service is now looking at more types of aircraft. The Air Force, which grounded its F-22s in May, did not ground any other type of aircraft in connection with the investigation. Earlier July 21, the Air Force said it had no additional information when asked whether carbon monoxide leaking into the cockpit was the most likely culprit behind the F-22 grounding.

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=7157745&c=AME&s=AIR>

Swiss Tech admits to exporting U.S. Defense drawings to China. Swiss Technology, Inc., a manufacturer of weapons and defense systems in Clifton, New Jersey, admitted July 12 in federal court it conspired to violate the Arms and Export Control Act and export U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) drawings to the People’s Republic of China. During the proceeding in Newark, the company said it contracted with an unidentified Chinese company to make parts more cheaply than it would cost to make them in the United States. According to documents filed in the case and statements made in court, the company contracted with the DOD to manufacture parts of M4 and M16 rifles and M249 machine guns from 2004 until 2009. Rather than manufacture the parts, Swiss Tech exported DOD drawings, specifications, and sample parts to China without obtaining a license from the U.S. State Department. As a result of the conspiracy, Swiss Tech caused the DOD to sustain losses of more than \$1.1 million in connection with the fraudulent contracts. Additionally, Swiss Tech’s interim president pleaded guilty on the company’s behalf and, as part of the plea agreement, agreed to pay about \$1.14 million in restitution to the DOD. Source:

http://www.northjersey.com/news/125996848_Swiss_Tech_admits_to_exporting_U_S_Defense_drawings_to_China.html

New PDF-based targeted attack against military contractors spotted. Security researchers from F-Secure spotted a new PDF-based e-mail attack that appears to target people working in the defense industry. According to the Finnish antivirus vendor, the attack was intercepted the week of July 11 and is still ongoing. It uses the 2012 AIAA Strategic and Tactical Missile Systems Conference as a lure. The e-mails distribute a malicious PDF file that claims to be a call for papers for the renowned defense industry conference classified as SECRET. "When opened in

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Adobe Reader, it exploits a known Javascript vulnerability and drops a file called lsmm(dot)exe. This is a backdoor that connects back to the attacker," F-Secure's chief research officer said. According to a scan on Virus Total, the malicious PDF file still has a low detection rate with only 15 out of 43 antivirus engines detecting it. After the exploitation occurs, a non-malicious PDF file about the call for papers is opened on the computer to distract the user and avoid raising suspicion. The exact target of this attack is not known by F-Secure, but judging by its characteristics, security experts think it is most likely someone in the defense industry, possibly a military contractor. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/PDF-Based-Targeted-Attack-Against-Military-Contractors-Spotted-212139.shtml>

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(Texas) Thieves target North Texas ambulances. WFAA 8 Dallas/Fort Worth reported July 21 that thieves have been breaking into ambulances right outside the doors of North Texas emergency rooms. The Coppell Fire Department lost a defibrillator that cost \$35,000. The Lewisville Fire Department had a bag full of medicines stolen, and now, at least five fire departments are reporting ambulance break-ins in the last few days. People are walking right up to emergency rooms where ambulances are parked and taking what they can. "One person jumps out and goes into the back of the medic and removes items from the back of the ambulance," an official said. "Generally, it takes less than 30 seconds." Investigators said whoever the criminals are, they are casing hospitals. Investigators believe the burglars are trying to sell the stolen items on the black market. Warnings have been sent to area fire departments telling paramedics to use caution. They say the burglars in the Lewisville and Coppell cases drove a light colored or silver Jeep Cherokee. In the next day or so, the Lewisville Police Department hopes to release video of the suspects. Source:

<http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Burglars-Steal-from-Ambulances-125981078.html>

NHTSA recall notice - E-One Cyclone II, Tradition, and Typhoon firefighting vehicles. E-One is recalling 80 certain model year 2010 and 2011 Typhoon, Cyclone II, and Tradition firefighting vehicles manufactured from January 1, 2010 through July 1, 2011 equipped with Trimark door latch mount bracket kits, part numbers 28141-01 and 28142-01. If the mounting fasteners are not at proper torque value, the outside door handle mount bracket may potentially rotate out of position. The door may not stay closed and could open without warning during a crash. Persons or objects could fall from the vehicle, possibly resulting in injury. E-One is working with Trimark and Trimark will notify vehicle owners using E-One letterhead. Repairs will be made by E-One service centers or by Trimark personnel as needed. Repairs will be performed free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin some time in July. Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/results.cfm?rcl_id=11V357000&searchtype=quicksearch&summary=true&refurl=rss

ENERGY

Blistering heat wave stressing nation's power grid. A lengthy, blistering heat wave that is blanketing the eastern half of the United States is putting significant stress on the nation's

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power grid as homeowners and businesses crank up their air conditioners, the Associated Press reported July 20. Utilities said they are ready for high power demand, and that widespread electricity shortages or outages are unlikely. Lines and equipment are not fully taxed, and there is more generating and transmission capacity available than usual because of the weak economy, utility officials said. Also, not many major storms are in the forecast, meaning fewer downed power lines. To meet demand, utilities are firing up special power plants used only a few days a year, delaying scheduled maintenance to keep all equipment on line, and testing heat-sensitive switches and other equipment with high-tech devices such as thermographers that can gauge temperatures to one-tenth of a degree. Problems can arise when the grid comes under maximum strain. Equipment cannot cool off, and it cannot handle as much power as usual. Lines, transformers, and switches are working at full capacity and can be overwhelmed by power surges that can result from a blown piece of equipment or downed power line. Peak summer demand can be nearly double the demand of a typical day in a mild month. The PJM Interconnection, which operates the transmission grid in parts of 13 mid-Atlantic states, hit a record peak demand of 146,082 megawatts July 19. That compares to a typical April peak load of 78,000 megawatts. Power generators have fleets of small power plants that can be turned on and off relatively easily to meet demand. They are inefficient and expensive, and therefore push the wholesale price of power sharply higher. Source:

<http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Blistering-heat-wave-stressing-nation-s-power-grid-1475770.php>

(Washington) **Copper thieves leave PSE substation dark.** Puget Sound Energy estimated it will cost around \$10,000 to replace and repair wires that were cut and stolen from its Northlake Way substation in Bremerton, Washington. Kitsap County sheriff's deputies were called at 8:40 a.m. July 15 after someone found a hole cut through the station's fence at Northlake Way and Seabeck Highway. Roughly 25 feet of copper ground wires were cut and stolen, according to sheriff's reports. The substation needed to go offline to be repaired. The repair was scheduled to happen at night to minimize the impact to users. Deputies have no suspect information. The July 15 theft was the second time in a month wires were cut and stolen from the substation. Source: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2011/jul/17/copper-thieves-leave-pse-substation-dark/>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Texas) **Listeria test prompts Pilgrim's Pride recall.** Pilgrim's Pride Corp. recalled approximately 11,240 pounds of ready-to-eat chicken nuggets and other products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) reported July 20. The problem was discovered as a result of on-site internal testing at two of its Texas establishments — in Mount Pleasant and Waco. No reports of illness have been connected with the products. Being recalled are: 10-pound boxes containing 2 5-lb bags of "Sweet Georgia Brand Fully Cooked Breaded White Chicken Nuggets Shaped Patties," and 30-pound boxes containing 6 5-lb bags of "Pilgrim's Pride Fully Cooked Grilled Chicken Breast Fillet with Rib Meat." The "Chicken Nuggets Shaped Patties" products were produced May 27 and shipped to distribution centers in New Jersey and Texas for further distribution to food service institutions. The "Grilled Chicken Breast Fillet with Rib Meat" products were

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produced June 29 and shipped to a distribution center in Ohio, for further distribution to food service institutions. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/07/listeria-concern-prompts-pilgrims-pride-recall/>

(Indiana) 'Global destroyer' beetle found at Indianapolis airport. Customs officials at Indianapolis International Airport in Indianapolis July 6 intercepted two khapra beetles, one of the world's most destructive pests, preventing it from spreading in Indiana. This was the first sighting of the khapra beetle in Indianapolis. But experts said the insect could cripple the state's agriculture economy. "We have a lot of grain stored right now," an Indiana Farm Bureau spokesman said. "You could have hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of grain in a silo. If it's contaminated, you're out that money and (had better) hope you have good insurance." The bug eats dried grains, cereals, and rice and thrives in silos. Any human who accidentally eats one could be in for a bout of vomiting and diarrhea. Agriculture specialists with U.S. Customs and Border Protection found the beetles during a routine search of packages traveling through the FedEx Express hub in Indianapolis, an agency spokeswoman said. The live, immature beetles were discovered in a small bag of barley seeds that had been part of a package of personal items traveling from India to North Carolina. The seeds were destroyed, and other items in the shipment were returned to the sender, the spokeswoman said. The bugs were sent to federal experts, who confirmed they were khapra beetles July 11. Source: <http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20110721/NEWS06/110721005>

(Georgia; Alabama) Georgia company recalls chicken products. Flying Food Group LLC, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, recalled some ready-to-eat chicken products over concerns about possible Listeria contamination. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) officials said the company is recalling about 204 pounds of ready-to-eat chicken wraps and plates that may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes. Products subject to recall are 8.4-ounce packages of "Starbucks Chipotle Chicken Wraps Bistro Box" and 6.3-ounce packages of "Starbucks Chicken & Hummus Bistro Box." The products have an "Enjoy by 071511" date on the bottom left corner of the package, and bear the establishment number "P-34373" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The products were produced July 13 and distributed to coffee shops in Georgia and Alabama. Source: <http://www.canadianbusiness.com/article/34831--georgia-company-recalls-chicken-products>

USDA study finds higher rates of herbicide volatilization than expected. According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) study published in the Journal of Environmental Quality, the volatilization of atrazine and metolachlor, two herbicides known to contaminate surface and ground water, consistently results in herbicide movement off the target site that exceeds nontarget field runoff, varying widely depending upon weather conditions. Linked to endocrine disruption, cancer, developmental effects, and more, increased levels of these hazardous pesticides in the air is cause for concern. When averaged over the two herbicides, loss by volatilization is about 25 times larger than movement from surface runoff, despite low vapor pressures. An Agricultural Research Service (ARS) soil scientist and ARS micrometeorologist led the investigation, which looks at the field dynamics of these two herbicides commonly used in corn production. Prior to this field study, many experts believed that volatilization was not a

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contributing factor to water contamination because atrazine and metolachlor had a low vapor pressure. Source: <http://www.eneusepf.com/latest-news/science-a-environmental/25511-usda-study-finds-higher-rates-of-herbicide-volatilization-than-expected.html>

FDA drug safety communication: Increased radiation exposure due to undetected strontium breakthrough when using cardiogen-82 for cardiac positron emission tomography (PET) scans. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is alerting the public and the medical imaging community about the potential for inadvertent, increased radiation exposure in patients who underwent or will be undergoing cardiac positron emission tomography (PET) scans with rubidium (Rb)-82 chloride injection from CardioGen-82 (manufactured by Bracco Diagnostics, Inc.). A CardioGen-82 PET scan is one of a variety of nuclear medicine scans that use radioactive drugs to evaluate the heart. FDA has received reports of two patients who received more radiation than expected from CardioGen-82. The excess radiation was due to strontium isotopes that may have been inadvertently injected into the patients due to a “strontium breakthrough” problem with CardioGen-82. At this time, FDA believes the risk of harm from this exposure is minimal, although any unnecessary exposure to radiation is undesirable. The estimated amount of excess radiation the two patients received is similar to that other patients may receive with cumulative exposure to certain other types of heart scans. It would take much more radiation to cause any severe adverse health effects in patients. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm263112.htm>

(California) Methyl bromide illnesses a first, CDC says. Two produce inspectors exposed to methyl bromide over several months in a Carson, California, cold storage facility developed disabling neurological ailments, federal health officials said. The illnesses from 2010 were the first in the United States caused by methyl bromide exposure in a produce storage area distant from where the fumigant was applied, according to the latest Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It was applied to grapes imported from Chile through the Port of Long Beach. The U.S. Department of Agriculture requires methyl bromide fumigation to prevent infestation by the Chilean false red mite. The Carson facility, unnamed in the report, is 6 miles from the port. The inspectors — both men, ages 22 and 52 — complained of symptoms that included difficulty walking, dizziness, and impaired memory, speech, or vision. They had elevated serum bromide levels. The CDC said some measurements of single-instant methyl bromide levels in confined spaces at the Carson facility exceeded 8-hour exposure limits. The report advised similar facilities to consider increased aeration time, reduced postfumigation exposure, reduction of packaging materials that might absorb methyl bromide or hinder aeration, and changes in pallet stacking to improve airflow. Companies should warn workers of potential health risks, the report said. Investigators found the Port of Long Beach aerated fumigated grapes according to USDA standards. Source: <http://www.thepacker.com/fruit-vegetable-news/fresh-produce-handling-distributing/Methyl-bromide-illnesses-a-first-CDC-says-125633093.html>

Recall roundup: Whole Foods mini croissants, enchilada sauce, Dodge Rams and more. Posh Bakery recalled all of its Butter Mini Croissants and Chocolate Mini-Croissants sold under the Whole Foods brand because of an egg wash that was not listed on the labels, said the U.S. Food

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and Drug Administration (FDA). The mini croissants were sold at 26 Whole Foods Markets in Northern California. Bruce Foods Corp. recalled 10-ounce cans of Food Club Red Enchilada Sauce with the code ECH 451244 and a best buy date of 5/13/2015 because the cans could contain green enchilada sauce instead, which contains wheat and soy in the ingredients, the FDA said. The cans were sold at stores in Alabama, Minnesota, Ohio, Texas, and Virginia. Sid Wainer & Son Inc. recalled about 137 pounds of imported, ready-to-eat smoked duck breast products because they could be contaminated with salmonella, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service said. The products were distributed for institutional use in Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania. In a related move, Palmex Inc. recalled about 197 pounds of the duck products that were sent to distribution centers in California, and the Dominican Republic. Included in both recalls were containers of Magret De Canard Fume Seche Dried Smoked Duck Breast, a product of Canada. Source: <http://www.walletpop.com/2011/07/15/recall-roundup-whole-foods-mini-croissants-enchilda-sauce-dod/>

(Missouri; Illinois) Forced flooding costs farmers millions. The Birds Point Levee in southeast Missouri could cost farmers more than \$85 million. In May, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers opened a 133,000-acre floodway to relieve flooding at Cairo, Illinois flooding land down-river. The area flooded includes the most diverse crop plantings in Missouri; corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton, rice, and sorghum. "This is going to take a long time to move that sand off, to get it re-graded, I mean there's some catastrophic effects of that floodway breach," said a University of Missouri (MU) economist. "Certainly some of this land is going to take years to get back into shape to come back into production agriculture." The economic loss multiplies to \$156 million when broader economic changes are applied. The MU's Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute compiled the report. Source: http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd_id=488897

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

U.S. warns of possible attacks against its consulate or U.S. entry points in northern Mexican city. The U.S. consulate in a Mexican border city warned that a drug cartel may be targeting its facilities or other U.S. entry points, and is urging Americans there to be vigilant. The U.S. Consulate General in Ciudad Juarez said information of a possible attack came after the recent capture of key members of cartels active in the city across the border from El Paso, Texas. The consulate warned Americans to be vigilant in its "emergency message" July 15, adding that in the past, cartels have used car bombs. It encouraged Americans residing or traveling in Chihuahua, where Juarez is located, to join the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. The Juarez consulate shut its doors temporarily last July after receiving threats. Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/americas/us-warns-of-possible-attacks-against-its-consulate-or-us-entry-points-in-northern-mexican-city/2011/07/16/gIQAxYKOII_story.html

Turkey court files charges against 14 militants in anti-U.S. plot. A court has charged 14 suspected al-Qa'ida militants for allegedly planning to attack the U.S. Embassy in the Turkish

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capital, Ankara. The charges — which were filed by an Ankara court July 15, come as the U.S. Secretary of State visits Turkey's cultural capital of Istanbul for a meeting on religious tolerance. The 14 suspects were captured just before her arrival. A 15th suspect was released, though may later also face trial. Turkish media have speculated homegrown radical Islamist militants affiliated with al-Qa'ida were preparing to avenge the May 2 killing of the group's leader in Pakistan by U.S. forces. The state-run Anatolia news agency reported July 16 one of the suspects had carried out surveillance around the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, and some other foreign missions, including taking photos. It said police seized 1,500 pounds of chemicals, bomb-making instructions, assault rifles, ammunition, and maps of Ankara. Police captured the suspects after tracking one of them for 6 months, according to Anatolia. Police captured the suspect less than a week ago on a street in Sincan, a town on the outskirts of the capital where he is believed to have received weapons training. The others were rounded up July 12. In June, police arrested 10 suspected al-Qa'ida militants in the city of Adana, home to the Incirlik Air Base used by the United States to transfer noncombat supplies to Iraq and Afghanistan. Authorities have said Muslim militants tied to al-Qa'ida planned to attack Incirlik in the past, but were deterred by high security. Source:

<http://www.businessmirror.com.ph/home/world/13915-turkey-court-files-charges-against-14-militants-in-anti-us-plot>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

CA Gateway Security vulnerable. CA warned of a critical vulnerability in its Gateway Security 8.1 business security solution that allows attackers to inject malicious code into systems. According to the Zero Day Initiative, special HTTP requests to port 8080 can be used to remotely write code into critical areas of the heap, and the arbitrary code can then be executed within the context of the Gateway Security service. The company has provided a fix for Gateway Security. Alternatively, users can upgrade to version 9.0. Users of Total Defense Suite r12 are also advised to take action quickly as the vulnerable version of Gateway Security is part of this security package. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/CA-Gateway-Security-vulnerable-1284003.html>

Embedded Web servers exposing organizations to attack. A researcher who has been scanning the Internet for months looking for unsecured, embedded Web servers has found a bounty of digital scanners, office printers, voice-over-IP (VoIP) systems, storage devices, and other equipment fully exposed and ripe for attack. The vice president of security research for Zscaler Labs, at Black Hat USA 2011 in August, will demonstrate his findings: Ricoh and Sharp copiers, HP scanners, and Snom VoIP phones were the most commonly discovered devices, all accessible via the Internet. The researcher indicated the issue is a recipe for disaster: embedded Web servers with little or no security get misconfigured when they are installed. Most likely, the potential victims are small to midsize businesses or consumers with less technical expertise who misconfigure their devices and have no idea they are showing up online. Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/security/application-security/231002364/embedded-web-servers-exposing-organizations-to-attack.html>

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Millions of computers infected with click fraud trojan found by Google. Google claims the owners of hundreds of thousands of computers infected with a click-fraud trojan were helped by the malware warning it started displaying on its Web site. The company offered several other details about the trojan that led to the unprecedented decision to alert users via its Web site: "The malware appears to have gotten onto users' computers from one of roughly a hundred variants of fake antivirus software that has been in circulation for a while," Google said. The company noted it is unaware of a common name for the trojan discovered by its engineers while investigating unusual search traffic, indicating the malware is not widely detected yet, and is only picked up by generic signatures. The trojan is relatively widespread, with Google claiming "a couple million machines are affected by this malware", and that hundreds of thousands of users have already been warned. Source:

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Millions-of-Computers-Infected-with-Click-Fraud-Trojan-Found-by-Google-212647.shtml>

High-flying phishing: How hackers are scamming for frequent flyer miles. Criminals are going after a new type of currency: frequent flyer miles. Researchers at the security firm Kaspersky Lab have spotted phishing scams that attempt to gain illegal access into the accounts of airlines to steal frequent flyer miles accumulated by the company's customers. The attacks come in the form of e-mails that promise either prizes or more points in frequent flyer programs; recipients are asked to enter their log-in information on a fake Web site, and doing so effectively hands over users' account details to the scammers. While cybercrime often yields immediate returns in the form of bank account credentials, stolen frequent flyer miles are a slightly different case. In the hands of online criminals, the accumulated miles become a new form of currency, Kaspersky Lab noted. Researchers looking at an underground Brazilian cybercrime forum found criminals selling access to a 3,300-computer-strong botnet in exchange for about 60,000 miles. Another instance saw an online crook setting up an illegal barter: stolen credit cards for stolen air miles. Criminals are also purchasing flights and selling plane tickets bought with the stolen miles. Source: <http://www.securitynewsdaily.com/high-flying-phishing-how-hackers-are-scamming-for-frequent-flyer-miles-0980/>

Microsoft turns screws on bot herders with hefty reward. Microsoft is offering a \$250,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those who controlled Rustock, a recently dismantled botnet that in its heyday was one of the biggest sources of illegal spam. The announcement of the bounty July 17 comes 4 months after Microsoft waged a novel campaign to take down Rustock, which enslaved an estimated 1 million PCs. The number of infected machines has been cut in half since that time, and Microsoft has already taken out ads in Russian newspapers in an attempt to track down the operators of the notorious botnet. Now, Microsoft is redoubling those efforts with the promise of the quarter-million dollar bounty to anyone who can help Microsoft and law enforcement officials identify and catch the perpetrators. Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/07/18/microsoft_rustock_reward/

Facebook scammers use Tumblr sites to evade detection. Facebook users have been targeted again by survey scammers, and this time the lure is a video of a woman exposing herself on live television. There are two versions of the scam. In one, when the user clicks on the play button

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on the destination page, the click is hijacked and used to "like" the page. In the other, the user is asked to confirm they are an adult by clicking on the "Jaa" button that actually shares the link with friends. "To ensure that this scam continues, the scammers are using Tumblr sites to redirect users to the same Fake YouTube page," a researcher explained. "By redirecting users via Tumblr, scammers can evade Facebook filters as well as stay off the radar of Facebook's recent Web of Trust integration." The scam ends with the user being encouraged to fill out surveys to receive a gift. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11300>

Intel investigating possible bug in SSD 320 drives. Intel said it was investigating a potential bug that may be causing SSD 320 solid-state drives to fail. The company was offering replacement drives to affected customers until the issue is resolved, a customer service representative said. In Intel forums, users were complaining about SSD 320 drives crashing due to power issues, causing data loss. In some instances, the storage capacity on the drive was being reported as only 8MB after the crash. An Intel technical support representative said that until the issue is resolved, affected customers will be sent a replacement drive. The SSD 320 was released in March and is being used in PCs and Apple Mac computers. Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218463/Intel_investigating_possible_bug_in_SSD_320_drives

Toshiba confirms loss of customer data following Website hack. Toshiba confirmed one of its U.S. Web sites was compromised the week of July 11, which led to the loss of user account information. A spokesperson for the consumer electronics company told the Wall Street Journal its U.S. unit observed issues with its Web server July 11 and began investigating. The company confirmed the server was compromised July 13, and user data was stolen. This coincided with a hacker leaking data extracted from the Web site on pastebin. According to Toshiba, the hacked site housed personal information of more than 7,500 customers, but only data belonging to 681 of them was compromised. This is somewhat consistent with what the hacker claimed. He said one database table called "Tbl_Gb_Users" had 5,203 entries, and he eventually leaked about 800 of them. The Toshiba spokesperson stressed no financial data or credit card details were exposed as a result of the breach. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Toshiba-Confirms-Loss-of-User-Data-Following-Website-Hack-212115.shtml>

VLC Media Player 1.1.11 closes heap overflow holes. The VideoLAN project announced the release of version 1.1.11 of VLC Media Player. The twelfth release of the 1.1.x branch of VLC is a maintenance and security update that fixes two previously reported heap overflow vulnerabilities in the Real Media and AVI file parsers. Other changes include improvements to the VLC interface on Mac OS X systems and fullscreen fixes for the Win32 Web plug-in, as well as several codec and translation updates. Extensions support and the AVI mixer for converting and transcoding also received fixes. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/VLC-Media-Player-1-1-11-closes-heap-overflow-holes-1280716.html>

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NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

(Utah) 73 people stranded in flash flood at Arches National Park. A flash flood July 20 stranded 73 people at Arches National Park near Moab, Utah. The individuals, and their 22 vehicles, were stuck for about 8 hours after water hit the Salt Wash around 5:30 p.m., the chief ranger of Arches and Canyonlands National Parks said. The wash was on a small road that leads to the Delicate Arch viewpoint. Park officials, concerned it could take some time for the water to recede, sent a bus to retrieve people, and supply food and water. Most people, though, opted to wait it out. "About 2:30 in the morning it receded enough so they could drive out," the chief ranger said. Source: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/705387994/73-people-stranded-in-flash-flood-at-Arches-National-Park.html>

(California) Forest fire grows to 3,000 acres. As of July 20, the Lion Fire burning in the Golden Trout Wilderness of Sequoia National Forest in California has grown to about 3,000 acres. As the fire grew over the past few days, smoke settled into the Kern River Drainage at night, along Highway 395, and into the San Joaquin Valley. Forest officials have met with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and plan to work with them as they monitor the smoke impacts from the fire. Coordination with the Kern Valley and the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control Districts is also ongoing. Smokey conditions are likely to last over the next few months, though the impacts will vary depending upon what the current weather conditions are and how many acres have burned recently. Evidence indicates that fire has not occurred in the area of the Lion Fire for the last 90 years. The fire was ignited July 8 by lightning. Trail closures are in effect in and around the Lion Fire in the Golden Trout Wilderness. The fire is being monitored by 50 firefighters. Source: <http://www.recorderonline.com/news/fire-49463-forest-acres.html>

(New Mexico) Lightning causes nine fires in Gila Wilderness. Recent lightning from thunderstorms started nine fires on the Wilderness Ranger District of the Gila National Forest in New Mexico. All nine fires were in the northwest part of the Gila Wilderness July 15, about 12 to 18 miles northwest of the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument. The fires range in size from under 1 acre to 400 acres. The strategy being used to suppress some of the fires was indirect suppression. This includes indirect handline (away from fire edge) by firefighters, air support with retardant and water drops as needed, and the use of natural barriers such as trails or rock bluffs as confinement lines. All fires were being monitored closely by air support, lookout tower, and personnel on the ground. Source: http://www.scsun-news.com/ci_18489132

POSTAL AND SHIPPING

(Oregon) Eastern Oregon authorities investigating post office break-ins. Police in Eastern Oregon are investigating U.S. Post Office break-ins in at least five rural towns. The Malheur County sheriff said locked postal boxes were broken into in post offices in Vale, Nyssa, and Jamieson in his county; Prairie City in Grant County; and in the Baker County town of Haines, the weekend of July 16 and 17. "It is believed they were looking for credit cards and checks,

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those kinds of things that they could get something out of," he said. The thief or thieves used a pry bar, and are believed to have gone through some rural roadside mailboxes, he said. The U.S. Postal Service has offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading the apprehension and conviction of the thieves. Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2011/07/eastern_oregon_authorities_investigating_post_office_break-ins.html

(Georgia) Hazmat clears Loganville Post Office. The Gwinnett County, Georgia hazardous materials team as well as other emergency personnel responded to a report of a letter with a suspicious white powder at about 3:45 p.m. July 15 at the Loganville Post Office in Loganville. Hazmat officials determined there was no hazard, but Loganville Police Department (LPD) detectives remained on the scene and have taken over the investigation. According to LPD officials, a woman received a letter and opened it in her vehicle. She walked back into the post office and told postal employees she received a letter with a suspicious white powder. Postal employees immediately called 911. The woman reportedly became sick at the scene and was evaluated by medical personnel but did not require additional treatment. The post office was closed for more than an hour until hazmat could determine there were no harmful substances in the building. Postal employees who came in contact with the woman as well as the letter were also evaluated and cleared. LPD officials have not determined what the powder was, nor were they able to determine initially where the letter came from or if it was from someone the victim knew. Source: http://wiltontribune.com/news/article_e5fae588-af1f-11e0-9576-001cc4c002e0.html

PUBLIC HEALTH

Pfizer Facebook page hijacked by hackers. The Facebook page of pharmaceutical company Pfizer was hijacked by hackers associated with the AntiSec movement who used it to post rogue messages, Softpedia reported July 21. The hackers used the Facebook account to call Pfizer a corrupt company that puts people's lives at risk. They linked to a Business Journals article about Pfizer paying \$2.3 billion to settle allegations of illegally promoting drugs. Responsibility for the attack was claimed by The Script Kiddies, the same hackers who, 2 weeks ago, hijacked the @FoxNewsPolitics Twitter account and announced the assassination of the U.S. President. Pfizer's logo was originally replaced with a version that looked as if it was painted over with blood and later switched with the AntiSec logo. The company regained control over its account and issued a short statement about the incident. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Pfizer-Facebook-Page-Hijacked-by-Hackers-212674.shtml>

TRANSPORTATION

Airport explosive detection machines not up to regulation. A recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) report reveals that airports around the United States have failed to meet federal requirements for explosives-detection systems, and government regulators have done little to enforce them. The report found some airport screening systems were still operating under requirements that were established in 1998, while others were only up to 2005 standards. Starting in 2010, the federal government began mandating that bomb-detection

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systems be capable of detecting even smaller amounts of explosive materials. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) only began enforcing the 2005 detection requirements in 2009, and the GAO report said the agency's plans to enforce the 2010 requirements would take years to complete. In defense of its actions, TSA stated, "The standard currently in use by the majority of explosive detection system (EDS) units in U.S. airports provides the most stringent level of checked-baggage security in the world." According to the GAO, the delay in the enforcement process stems largely from safety concerns. Testing explosive detectors requires the use of live explosives. To help the agency upgrade its systems, the U.S. President has set aside \$273 million in its budget request for fiscal year 2012. Source: <http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/airport-explosive-detection-machines-not-regulation>

(Washington) Spikes removed from train tracks in Bellingham. Forty-four spikes were removed from train tracks in Bellingham, Washington, but railroad officials said they discovered the vandalism before any trains could derail. A Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway spokesman said the removal of spikes discovered July 11 could have caused significant damage if an alert inspector had not noticed the track tampering. The spikes were taken from the main track along Bellingham Bay, about 1 mile south of the Alaska Ferry terminal in Fairhaven. The theft took place near a trestle that was damaged by a fireworks-ignited fire July 4. The company is investigating both incidents, and is offering rewards of up to \$5,000 for information leading to arrests in either case. Source: <http://www.kapsradio.com/kaps-radio-660am-news-headlines/spikes-removed-from-train-tracks-in-bellingham/>

(New Jersey) Man arrested after running onto NJ airport tarmac with knife. A knife-wielding man was arrested July 16 after allegedly running onto a tarmac at Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, New Jersey. Witnesses saw the man, 39, hanging around a guardhouse near the Continental Airlines taxiway ramp around 6:30 p.m. According to officials, the man, a resident of Manhattan, New York, suddenly jumped over a barrier in Terminal C before running across the tarmac. Armed with a knife, he led Port Authority police on a short pursuit before he tripped and was tackled near a bank of passenger jets. He was arrested and taken to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation. The man was charged with trespassing and possession of a weapon. No planes were delayed. Source: <http://www.wpix.com/news/ktla-newark-airport-runway-runner-story,0,6226525.story>

WATER AND DAMS

(Iowa) Over 100,000 gallons of manure flow into creek. A broken pipe at a dairy farm sent more than 100,000 gallons of manure into an unnamed tributary of Coon Creek, which runs into the Iowa River, the Department of Natural resources said. A DNR environmental specialist, said a crew digging a trench at Cedar Valley Farms south of Blainstown nicked a pipe that was part of an underground system that recycles waste from cattle bedding, which sent the manure into the tributary. When discovered at 7 a.m. July 21, Cedar Valley Farms shut off the pump and built sand dams around the spill site. The spill was contained to Coon Creek in Benton and Iowa counties. The spill killed an unknown number of fish, but officials do not expect it to do much

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long-term damage to the creek's ecosystem. Source: <http://thegazette.com/2011/07/21/over-100000-gallons-of-manure-flow-from-dairy-operation-into-coon-creek/>

(Massachusetts) **3 arrested in connection to Somerset's contaminated water scare.** Charges have been filed against three workers for their involvement in the water contamination scare that caused a 3-day town-wide ban against drinking water in Somerset, Massachusetts in early June. Two employees of Hydrograss Technologies, a subcontractor for the Veterans Memorial Bridge project, will be charged with wanton destruction of property, conspiracy, and unlicensed connection to a distribution system. A worker for contractor Cianbro will be charged with interfering with metering of water, unlicensed connection to a distribution system, and larceny of less than \$250. Somerset police filed the charges in district court in Fall River July 20. An investigation showed an employee for Cianbro granted permission to Hydrograss Technologies to connect to a hydrant on Brayton Avenue May 31 for water after a water delivery apparently fell through, according to Somerset police. Workers were not given permission to tap into the town's water system. Contamination worries stemmed from a failure to attach a back-flow preventer or meter between the workers' equipment and the hydrant, police said. Because the equipment was not used properly, an unknown amount of hydroseed material entered the town's water system. The town immediately told residents and businesses they couldn't use the water for drinking, washing dishes or preparing food. The ban lasted roughly 3 days. More than 1 million gallons of water were flushed to get rid of the material. No one was known to have gotten sick. Source: <http://www.heraldnews.com/news/x1009564725/3-arrested-in-connection-to-Somersets-contaminated-water-scare>

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

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